

Sojitz Receives Silver Class and Industry Mover Distinction from RobecoSAM

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Sojitz Corporation

Sojitz Corporation (“Sojitz”) was awarded the “Silver Class” distinction in RobecoSAM’s Sustainability Yearbook 2019 by RobecoSAM (Head Office: Switzerland), a company that provides assessments and ratings for global ESG investment. Sojitz has moved up one class distinction to Silver Class from its Bronze Class award last year. Sojitz was also recognized as a RobecoSAM “Industry Mover” in the “Trading Companies & Distributors” category for the second consecutive year, as one of the companies within its sector that has made the greatest improvement in its sustainability performance from the previous year.

1. RobecoSAM Sustainability Awards

Each year, RobecoSAM evaluates major companies worldwide, awarding “Gold Class,” “Silver Class,” and “Bronze Class” awards to the most sustainable companies in each industry sector based on financial, environmental, and social factors. The results of RobecoSAM’s assessments are published in the company’s “Sustainability Yearbook.”

A total of 2,686 major companies from around the world were assessed in RobecoSAM’s 2018 Corporate Sustainability Assessment, with 66 Gold Class, 65 Silver Class, and 105 Bronze Class distinctions awarded. The RobecoSAM Sustainability Yearbook 2019 has distinguished 7 Japanese companies as Industry Movers, or companies that have made the greatest improvement in their sustainability performance from the previous year.

2. Reasons for Selection

Sojitz has been recognized for its ESG information disclosure and initiatives, such as the environmental and human rights due diligence conducted within its supply chains. All initiatives are created based on Sojitz’s Key

Sustainability Issues (Materiality).



To “create value and prosperity” as set forth in our corporate statement, Sojitz will continue to meet stakeholders’ expectations and maximize “two types of value” through our business activities—that is, “value for Sojitz,” such as the expansion of our business foundations and sustainable growth, and “value for society,” such as economic development for countries and local communities and human rights and the environmental protection initiatives.

■ Sojitz’s Sustainability Initiatives

<https://www.sojitz.com/en/csr/>

■ Sojitz’s Key Sustainability Issues (Materiality)

<https://www.sojitz.com/en/csr/priority/>

Related Information:

■ RobecoSAM’s “The Sustainability Yearbook 2019” (Top Page)

<https://yearbook.robecosam.com/>

■ RobecoSAM’s “The Sustainability Yearbook 2019” (Trading Companies & Distributors)

https://yearbook.robecosam.com/fileadmin/Files/Industries/Trading_Companies_Distributors.pdf